

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2009 at 6.30 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Wimborne Minster.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr A J Hampton (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs B S J Feltham (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr L G Harvey
Cllr M J Hodkinson
Cllr A K Oliver, MBE
Cllr D G L Packer
Cllr T F Wheeler
Cllr R D Cook – Ex-Officio – Chairman of the Council
Cllr J Burden – Ex-Officio – Vice-Chairman of the Council

COMMITTEE MEMBER NOT PRESENT & APOLOGIES GIVEN

Cllr Ms A McCarthy

ALSO PRESENT

Cllr Mrs D J March

236 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

The cheques for April 2009 were approved and signed – see **Appendix A** to these Minutes.

237 **MONTHLY ACCOUNTS**

The Town Clerk submitted for information the monthly accounts for the period to the end of March 2009, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Committee also reviewed the broad outcome of the 2008/2009 budget. The Town Clerk explained the reasons for the overspend on some of the budget heads which included major refurbishment works to Redcotts Lodge, damp-proof works to the Town Hall and strengthening works and new roof to Redcotts Roundhouse.

The Town Clerk also forewarned the Committee that since the preparation of the 2009/2010 budget, the level of interest on balances would be reduced considerably as the result of the low interest base rate.

PROJECT - WIMBORNE TOWN CENTRE MARKETING AND CENTRE MANAGEMENT

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 6 April 2009 from the District Council's Economic Development Officer, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as **Appendix C** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The letter sought the support of the Town Council to an initiative to improve the economic effectiveness of Wimborne Minster in its role as a market town.

The Town Council was invited to participate in a steering group involving representatives from the District Council, the County Council, the Chamber of Trade and the East Dorset Community Partnership and to assist with a financial contribution of £1,500 towards the cost of an outside consultant producing an action plan.

It was noted that since the proposal was first mooted in January 2009, the implementation timetable had slipped.

RESOLVED

- (a) that the Town Council participates in this project and makes a contribution of £1,500 (to be paid from general balances) subject to:
 - i) an experienced specialist adviser being appointed for the task;
 - ii) the Town Council having two representatives on the steering group;
- (b) that Cllrs Cook and Oliver be appointed as the Town Council's representatives;
- (c) that a revised up to date timetable be circulated to Members.

(Note: Cllr R D Cook declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item and left the room during the discussion and voting thereon.)

WIMBORNE COMMUNITY THEATRE PROPOSAL 2009

The Town Clerk submitted correspondence from the Wimborne Community Theatre dated 2 April 2009, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as **Appendix D** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Steering Group of the Theatre was seeking a grant towards a production in Wimborne Minster in September 2009.

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RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972 a grant of £100 be made from the Grants Contingency Fund towards this production.

240 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC**

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

241 **HIGH HALL - RENTAL OF STORAGE ACCOMMODATION (Min 169 - 16.12.08)**

See confidential Minute 241/316.

The meeting closed at 7.16 pm.

Signed Date.....
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council